

In general, I am opposed to RM-10868 as prepared by the Radio Amateur Foundation due to its proposal of maintaining morse code testing (while not requiring testing for other modes of operation) and the upgrade of Novice class licenses to Technicians.

Holders of Novice class licenses have not been adequately tested in RF safety necessary when using the power allowances included with the technician class license.

No applicant should be required to be tested in morse code. At the present time, only morse code operation is tested. Why not test PSK operation, or other digital modes?

The only agreement I have with this proposal is the scrapping of the current examinations and the creation of new, possibly tougher, written examinations. The current examinations are much too simple, and they don't adequately cover the technical aspects in sufficient detail to satisfy both operating and safety conditions.